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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MEETING IN WARSAW

JULY 27 BRUSSELS DAILY "LA LIBRE BELGIQUE",PUBLISHED  
ARTICLE BY JEAN PIERRE DE KEYN,SECRETARY GENERAL OF  
EUROPEAN UNION OF YOUNG CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS,EXPLAINING  
WHY ORGANIZATION CHOSE NOT TO ATTEND SUBJECT MEETING.  
FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION:

"IT IS NOT ONLY THE JUNGE UNION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC  
OF GERMANY WHICH IS NOT GOING TO WARSAW THE EUROPEAN  
UNION OF YOUNG CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (OVER A MILLION  
MEMBERS)THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES AND THE EUROPEAN  
DEMOCRATIC STUDENTS ARE NOT GOING EITHER.

THE REASONS FOR THIS ABSENCE ARE NEITHER A LACK OF DESIRE  
FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH EAST EUROPE NOR A LACK OF  
CONFIDENCE IN DETENTE. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN REASONS:

"THE REFUSAL OF THE SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS AND  
OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS  
(CENYC) TO GRANT THE EUROPEAN UNION OF YOUNG CHRISTIAN  
DEMOCRATS A PRESENCE ON THE 35 MEMBER PREASSIDIUM. BEYOND  
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REPRESENTATION ON THE PRAESIDIUM,THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM

HAD TO DO WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ENJOYING MAXIMUM FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. WITH THIS DENIED, IT BECAME DIFFICULT FOR US TO MAKE THE DECLARATIONS WE WOULD HAVE WISHED.

"DESPITE OUR REPEATED APPEALS, NO FREEDOM OF THE PRESS WAS GUARANTEED.

"THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALE RESERVED THE RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY 130 DELEGATES AT THE CONFERENCE WHILE REALLY ACCORDING TO THE EUROPEAN UNION OF YOUNG CRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ONLY 40.

"CONSIDERING THAT THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALE AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC INTERNATIONALE ARE COMPARABLY IMPORTANT, POLITICALLY ORIENTED ORGANIZATIONS, IT WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO US TO HAVE ONE REPRESENTED BY 130 DELEGATES AND THE OTHER BY ONLY 40.

"THE FINAL POINT - AND THAT WHICH SEEMED TO US MOST IMPORTANT AND WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO OUR DECISION NOT TO GO TO WARSAW - IS THAT A SECRET MEETING WAS HELD MAY 25-27 IN FRANKFURT BETWEEN IUSY, FMJB, AND CENYC TO AGREE ON THE CONCLUSIONS TO BE REACHED BY THE WARSAW CONFERENCE IT IS EVIDENT THAT WHEN YOU ARE HANDED A DRAFT TEXT AT THE VERY START OF A MEETING, IT BECOMES COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE ANY FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES, AND ALL YOU CAN DO IS MODIFY WORDS AND PHRASES HERE AND THERE. WE CONSIDER THIS COMPLETELY INTOLERABLE. FROM THEN ON IT WAS VERY CLEAR TO US THAT THE EUROPEAN YOUTH AND STUDENT CONFERENCE WAS TAKING ON A BLOC-TO-BLOC CHARACTER, WHICH IS CONTRARY TO THE DIRECTION IN WHICH WE WANT TO SEE EUROPE EVOLVE.

"FINALLY, I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT IN ALL THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND PROBLEMS THE POLISH GOVERNMENT AND YOUTH COMPORTED THEMSELVES WITH REMARKABLE PROPRIETY AND, LIKE A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, FOUND THEMSELVES TRAPPED BY DECISIONS TAKEN WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE."

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